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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION OF FEBRUARY 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The communication of February 22, 2002 in this case asserts that the sequence listing is not consistent with the sequences recited in the claims. For example, it was believed that SEQ ID NO:2 in pending claim 54 is X-Gly-Trp-X-Arg-Val. However, applicant believes that the claim 54 having the sequence inconsistent with the sequence listing was amended on July 9, 2001 to be consistent with the sequence listing.

According to the undersigned attorney's records, the previous version of claim 54 was entered on December 20, 2000, along with numerous amendments to the specification that added the sequence listings to the recitation of sequences therein. The sequence number in those specification amendments were consistent with the sequences in the sequence listing, but the sequences in the claim 54 presented in that December 20, 2000 filing was not consistent. However, according to the undersigned attorney's records,

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claim 54 was again amended on July 9, 2001 to recite sequences that are consistent with the sequence listing. It is thus applicants' belief that the current claims are as recited in Appendix A, attached hereto. If this is not the case, applicants respectfully request that amendments be entered to make the pending claims as recited in Appendix A, or that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to resolve this discrepancy.

Respectfully submitted,

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